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Egypt – Upgrade of CH-47C to CH-47D Chinook Helicopters

On 6 July 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt to upgrade three CH-47C Chinook medium lift helicopters to the newer CH-47D configuration as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$108 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale to upgrade three CH-47C Chinook medium lift helicopters to the newer CH-47D configuration, eight T55-L-712 turbine engines, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team, contractor representatives, contractor engineering and technical support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$108 million.

This proposed sale would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been an important force for political stability in the Middle East.

The Egyptian Armed Forces will use these helicopters for troop transport and logistics support. They may also be deployed in future joint exercises with the United States such as Operation Bright Star. Egypt, which already has CH-47 helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the upgraded helicopters.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Boeing Helicopter Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require a U.S. contractor representative for up to two years in Egypt. Additionally, four contractor representatives and several U.S. Government Quality Assurance personnel will be required for one week following the arrival of the aircraft.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.